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SUBJECT: US-UK CIVAIR NEGOTIATIONS

1. INTERAGENCY POLICY COMMITTEE ON US-UK CIVAIR NEGOTIA-
TIONS MET ON JUNE 6 TO REVIEW STATUS OF NEGOTIATIONS.
UNDER SECRETARY COOPER CHAIRED MEETING, WHICH WAS ATTENDED
BY REPRESENTATIVES FROM WHITE HOUSE, NSC, DOT, COMMERCE,
JUSTICE AND CAB.

2. COMMITTEE WAS ENCOURAGED BY PROGRESS MADE SO FAR IN
NEGOTIATIONS BUT BELIEVES USDEL MUST TIE DOWN APPARENT CON-
CESSIONS MADE BY UK LAST WEEK ON HEARTLAND ISSUES IN ORDER
ASCERTAIN WHAT STRINGS MIGHT BE ATTACHED. IT ALSO NOTED
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THAT THERE ARE SEVERAL OTHER IMPORTANT AREAS WHERE THERE
HAS BEEN NO SIGNIFICANT UK MOVEMENT (E.G., PACIFIC ROUTES)
OR WHERE FURTHER DISCUSSION IS NECESSARY (E.G., ALL-CARGO
ROUTES, DESIGNATION, AND CAPACITY IN ATLANTIC). LASTLY,
COMMITTEE IS OF STRONG AND UNANIMOUS VIEW THAT, GIVEN
EXTENT TO WHICH US IS BEING FORCED TO MOVE TOWARD A MORE
RESTRICTIVE CAPACITY CONTROL MECHANISM, IT IS ESSENTIAL THAT

US OBTAIN A COMMITMENT FROM THE UK ON A LIBERAL CHARTER AIR SERVICES AGREEMENT AS PART OF AN OVERALL PACKAGE. USDEL SHOULD THEREFORE INJECT CHARTER LINKAGE AS A HEARTLAND ISSUE WHEN TALKS RESUME ON JUNE 9.

3. IN LIGHT FOREGOING, COMMITTEE APPROVED FOLLOWING LINES OF ACTION:

A. USDEL SHOULD PRESENT TO UKDEL ON JUNE 9 A PAPER DESCRIBING ITS UNDERSTANDING OF UK CONCESSIONS MADE LAST WEEK ON HEARTLAND ISSUES AND REQUEST PROMPT CONFIRMATION.

B. USDEL SHOULD AGAIN EMPHASIZE IMPORTANCE OF CHARTER LINKAGE, EXPLAINING THAT SATISFACTORY LINK IS ESSENTIAL TO OVERALL PACKAGE SETTLEMENT. WE RECOGNIZE THAT LAST FORMULATION PRESENTED TO BRITISH IS A NON-STARTER BECAUSE OF CLAUSE RELATING TO COUNTRY OF ORIGIN RULES IF NO CHARTER AGREEMENT IS REACHED BY APRIL 1, 1978. USDEL SHOULD TABLE AN ALTERNATIVE WHICH PROVIDES THAT SCHEDULED SERVICES AGREEMENT EITHER TERMINATES AUTOMATICALLY OR IS SUBJECT TO TERMINATION ON SHORT NOTICE IF A CHARTER AIR SERVICES AGREEMENT IS NOT REACHED BY A CERTAIN DATE (E.G., APRIL 1, 1978). OTHER FORMULATIONS WOULD BE ACCEPTABLE IF THEY PROVIDE FOR ADEQUATE LEVERAGE TO ASSURE THAT US WILL END UP WITH AGREEMENTS COVERING BOTH SCHEDULED AND CHARTER SERVICES.

C. USDEL SHOULD ATTEMPT TO DETERMINE BY JUNE 13 WHETHER IT IS POSSIBLE BY JUNE 17 TO ACHIEVE AGREEMENT IN PRINCIPLE ON MAIN ISSUES, LEAVING FINAL DRAFTING TO A SUBSEQUENT SESSION. INTERAGENCY COMMITTEE WISHES TO HAVE A REPORT IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING JUNE 13 NEGOTIATING SESSION ON WHETHER SUCH AGREEMENT IS LIKELY. IT WILL THEN DETERMINE, IN CONSULTATION WITH USDEL, WHETHER A PRESIDENTIAL MESSAGE TO THE PRIME MINISTER WOULD BE DESIRABLE.

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D. BECAUSE OF COMPLEXITY OF CAPACITY PROCEDURE IT IS IMPORTANT ON THIS ONE ITEM TO AGREE ON TEXT RATHER THAN LEAVE FINAL DRAFTING TO A SUBSEQUENT SESSION. GUIDANCE RE THESE PROCEDURES WILL FOLLOW IN A SEPARATE TELEGRAM. VANCE

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